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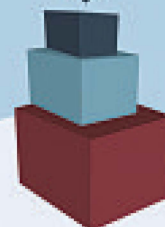
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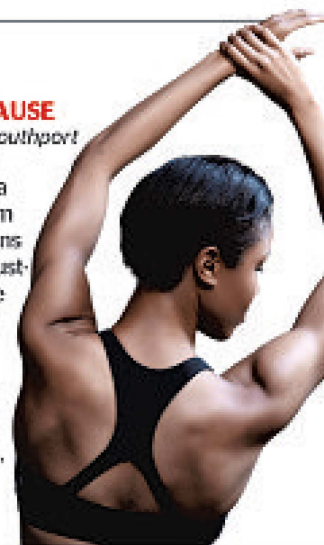
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312-587-7390

ShawChicago Theatre Co. presents Noel Coward's comedy about remarried divorcees who discover they are staying in the same hotel as their former spouses. 7 p.m. \$15-\$30. Tickets: shawchicago.org

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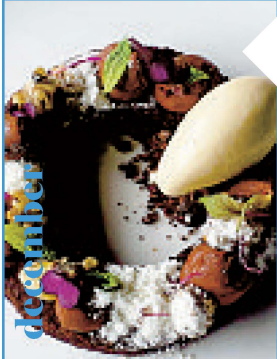




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 <p>13</p>	<p>TOOTHACHE AT TWO 1132 W. Grand Ave. 312-624-8363 Sample desserts made by local pastry chefs and vote for your favorite. 5-8 p.m. \$45. Tickets: eventbrite.com</p> <p>14</p>	<p>COCKTAIL 101 AT BEEF & BARLEY 3001 N. Ashland Ave. 773-248-0990 Learn how to make three cocktails using Woodford Reserve bourbon and rye. 7-10 p.m. \$31.74. Tickets: eventbrite.com</p> <p>15</p>	<p>HOLIDAY DATE NIGHT AT EDUARDO'S ENOTECA 1212 N. Dearborn St. 312-337-4490 Watch the classic rom-com "Christmas in Connecticut" while having dinner, a bottle of wine and popcorn. 5:30, 7 and 9:30 p.m. \$55.</p> <p>16</p>	<p>CHAMPAGNE DINNER AT SOUTHPORT & IRVING 4000 N. Southport Ave. 773-857-2890 Try three varieties of sparkling wine paired with a three-course menu for carnivores or vegetarians. \$60. 7 p.m. Reservations required.</p> <p>17</p>	 <p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>FEAST OF THE SEVEN FISHES AT CAFE SPIAGGIA 980 N. Michigan Ave. 312-280-2750 Celebrate a traditional Italian Christmas with a five-course dinner incorporating scallops, octopus and other seafood. 4 and 7 p.m. \$75. Wine pairings available for \$25. Tickets: spiaggiarestaurant.com</p> <p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>  <p>GETTY IMAGES</p>	<p>UGLY SWEATER PARTY AT FLAGSHIP TAVERN & GRILL 1622 W. Belmont Ave. 773-281-3805 Festivities include Christmas-themed trivia, a DJ, holiday movie screenings, an ugly sweater contest and \$5 seasonal drinks. 7 p.m. No cover.</p> <p>23</p>	<p>MATZO BASH AT SOUND-BAR 226 W. Ontario St. 312-787-4480 The annual Jewish mixer features an appetizer buffet, drinks and music from DJs Paul Michaels and Fast Lane. 8 p.m.-4 a.m. \$10. Tickets: matzobash.com</p> <p>24</p>	<p>BULLS AT OKLAHOMA CITY THUNDER ABC The Bulls travel for the holidays and face off against Russell Westbrook and company. Let's hope this game is a gift for Chicago fans. 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>25</p>	 <p>TRIBUNE FILE</p> <p>26</p>
<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>EVE OF THE EVE BLACKOUT BALL AT THE STRETCH BAR & GRILL 3485 N. Clark St. 773-755-3980 Start celebrating early with \$3 Miller and Coors, \$5 burgers and a midnight countdown with a champagne toast. 9 p.m. No cover.</p> <p>30</p>	<p>BYE BYE LIVER: HELLO 2016 AT PUBLIC HOUSE THEATRE 3914 N. Clark St. 800-650-6449 Watch the sketch comedy show, then stick around for a champagne or Malort toast and appetizers. 8 p.m. \$40. Tickets: pubhousetheatre.com</p> <p>31</p>	 <p>1 january</p> <p>1</p>	<p>ROCK & ROLL POLE SHOW TRIBUTE TO CLASSIC ROCK AT STAGE 773 1225 W. Belmont Ave. 773-327-5252 Watch pole dancers perform to tunes from Journey, Black Sabbath and other bands. 10 p.m. Doors open at 9:30 p.m. \$15-\$20. Tickets: eventbrite.com</p> <p>2</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>SECRETS, LIES AND ALIBIS AT ELBO ROOM 2871 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-549-5549 The monthly show combines stand-up, sketch and musical comedy based on anonymous secrets from the audience. 8:30 p.m. Doors open at 8 p.m. \$5 suggested donation.</p> <p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>ART & CRAFT SOCIAL AT DERBY BAR & GRILL 1224 W. Webster Ave. 773-248-0900 Customize a wooden clock using paint, stain and stencils. 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$45. Tickets: panache-party.com</p> <p>8</p>	<p>THODOS DANCE CHICAGO AT AUDITORIUM THEATRE OF ROOSEVELT UNIVERSITY 50 E. Congress Parkway 800-982-2787 See the world premiere of "Sono's Journey," the story of Japanese-American dancer Sono Osato. \$28-\$68. 7:30 p.m. Tickets: auditoriumtheatre.org</p> <p>9</p>

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Your vaguebooking is a pathetic cry for attention



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Posting "... depressed" on your Facebook status or, better yet, two lines from a grief-stricken Adele song, is definitely not OK.

Vaguebooking has been a prevalent headache across Mark Zuckerberg's platform for a decade now. For the unaware, this is the practice of individuals who—

instead of turning to a loved one or close friend—take to the Internet to vomit out ambiguous nonsense, hoping their Facebook "friends" reach out to them to learn more because they've given virtually zero context of any kind.

Vaguebooking doesn't always strictly feature a negative, disheartening fervor. Sometimes, it's a cry for attention after something extremely tremendous happens in their lives.

No joke, I saw someone post "I did it!" as a Facebook status recently. A solid 17 "likes" and 12 comments followed. Why?

I have no idea. I almost judge the people who acknowledged the status more than the dude who wrote it.

But whether the vaguebooking is positive, negative or neutral, the mentality and inner monologue of the author is one in the same: "I want to be the center of attention right now."

Which—in case you can't infer my opinion on this topic from the previous handful of paragraphs—is deplorable.

Your unmitigated self-consciousness is, in a

phrase, hard to watch—and to keep watching. Because vaguebookers aren't the "one and done" kind of breed. No. They let 'em fly like Carmelo Anthony even with a teammate wide open under the basket. No shame because the world revolves are you and you alone.

Your talking to the proverbial Internet like it's an actual person (I'm not gonna lie, that felt extremely sad to type) makes all the people who do not react to your status updates feel sorry for you.

Because calling your significant other or texting your friends in your GroupMe app when you need validation in life isn't enough for you. You need more. A lot more.

So, why not lob it up like a beach ball at

76 miles an hour for your Aunt Cheryl, lab partner from high school chemistry and the dude who lived down the hall in your dorm freshman year (the most stereotypical labels I could think of to summarize the average trio of one's Facebook friends)?

Sure, you don't talk to them ever. But now that you need attention and some sweet, sweet validation? Smoke 'em if ya got 'em, you little narcissistic rock star, you.

Because hell, they're your (Facebook) "friends," right? And you know what

they say: "Good friends don't let friends do stupid things ... alone."

You're in this public Facebook status emotion-fest together till the end! Because why talk to someone in person about something going on in your life when you can do so on your phone's Facebook app without ever leaving your apartment?

Now that's what I call living.

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BEARS

WASHINGTON 24, CHICAGO 21





Robbie Gould, after missing a 50-yard field goal that would have tied the game in the fourth quarter.
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#LagunaPicks

All season, Laguna the Shedd Aquarium sea lion will predict the winner in Bears games. He picked Washington to win Sunday's game, which means he's 7-6. For more information on Laguna and sea lions, visit sheddaquarium.org.

NFC NORTH	W	L	GB
Green Bay	9	4	-
Minnesota	8	5	1
BEARS	5	8	4
Detroit	4	9	5

WASHED UP

BEARS STILL GASPING FOR AIR AS THEY DROP ANOTHER HOME GAME

By Chris Sosa | REDEYE

Another home loss by the Bears, and another week their fans can do little more than bang their heads against the wall. And let their frustrations fly on Twitter. Here's the best of what we saw before, during and after the Bears' 24-21 loss to Washington, their sixth straight loss to that team. They're now 1-6 at Soldier Field this season, by the way. CHSOSA@REDEYECICAGO.COM | [@REDEYESPORTSCHI](https://twitter.com/REDEYESPORTSCHI)

SAD BUT TRUE

"The #Bears and #Redskins are experts at being bad, but not {quite} bad enough to get a high draft pick." —@FakeRodgers

SOME FANS WOULDN'T LET THEMSELVES GET TOO EXCITED, EVEN WHEN THINGS WERE GOING WELL FOR THE BEARS

"Over-Celebrating coverage sacks when you're losing by 14 points. #ThingsThatLosingTeamsDo #Bears" —@BBQ_n_Beer

HMMM, TOUGH CALL. #NOWINNERS

What would be a bigger insult to #Bears Singletary: to let Shea keep wearing No. 50 or let #Packers fans use his jersey as toilet paper? —@sobeditor

A FOOTBALL FAN EMBRACING THE WARM SPELL. (THOUGH HE DID NOT HAVE TO FOLLOW THROUGH.)

"#Bears win this and I'm going streaking down Lake Shore Drive." —@juan23kcco

BY THE FINAL WHISTLE, HOWEVER, THERE WAS REALLY JUST ONE QUESTION ON BEARS FANS' MINDS.

When are kicker tryouts? #Bears —@Barnum_13

FAST FACTS

If you want to blame someone, blame:

- » Jordan Reed. The Washington tight end did whatever he pleased, catching nine passes for 120 yards and a TD.
- » Robbie Gould. For the second-straight week, he missed a critical kick. On Sunday, he pushed one wide right, allowing Washington to keep its lead late in the fourth quarter.

If you want to praise someone, praise:

- » Jay Cutler. He completed 19 of 31 passes for 315 yards and two touchdowns. He's just one regular-season TD pass away from 200 in his career.

CAROLING

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas ... especially if you're a Cubs fan.



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1	Supposedly, Jason Heyward's bat makes a different sound from other hitters. How can we find out?	Ask Santa! "He knows if you are sleeping. He knows if you're awake ..." He knows a lot!	Sluggers. Batting cage. Sunday. 2 p.m.	Rewind the DVR to the NLDS and listen. Listen to Jason Heyward rip the cover off the ball. #HesAHorse	Do you hear what I hear? It's a Cubs World Series in 2016.	Someone is going to have to be really brave and get their face really, really close to find out.
2	Give a nickname to Theo Epstein's checkbook.	Frosty's Old Silk Hat as in "There must have been some magic in that old silk hat they found ..."	The Casino. It's always open and never runs outta cash.	#MoneyBallQuickPay #GiddyUp	Green Christmas.	Ralph.
3	The words "Cubs" and "favorites" go together like "Hallelujah! Hallelujah!" and "Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Helleeeeeelujah!"	... Tony Bennett & Lady Gaga—we all knew it'd be a perfect match one day, right?	... Cubs and the World Series. Just like the Bears and the Super ... whoops, sorry.	... "holiday" and "shopping."	Sorry what? Too distracted by the Steelers win over the Bengals... WE DEY!
4	Where would the Blackhawks be without Patrick Kane's points streak?	"Baby, it's cold outside."	Mostly under wraps until another Cup run. Their excellence is exhausting!	In Teuvo Teravainen's toilet. #NeedtoScoreGoalsGuys	Left out in the cold.	Not quite as sad as the Bears, but sad.
5	Let's have your best holiday office party advice.	"One: Cut a whole in the box. Two: Put your [bleep] in the box."	Don't bone your boss.	Arrive late, leave early, make out with the old lady receptionist on the way out. Free office supplies forever.	Avoid saying something you'll regret, and just stay silent all night.	Bring Rumpelintz and chocolate sauce.

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PACK, SHIP THOSE GIFTS LIKE A PRO

By **Leonor Vivanco** | REDEYE

It's one of the busiest times of the year—and if you need proof, just look at all those hustling mail carriers, delivery drivers and, well, Santa's reindeer trying to ferry millions of packages to their destinations in time for the holidays.

The U.S. Postal Service expects Monday to be the busiest mailing and shipping day for holiday packages, letters and cards and Dec. 31 the busiest delivery day with more than 30 million packages delivered on that day alone.

That doesn't mean you don't have time to get packages in the mail, but you have some deadlines quickly approaching. So now is as good a time as any to get organized—especially if you intend to send booze or perishables, which carry some

sider taking your gifts to a shipping company like FedEx and UPS to have them pack it for you with a pledge to deliver it safely or get reimbursed if the box gets damaged or lost.

But if you're more of a DIY kind of person, RedEye asked the pros how to do it right.

First get your supplies: a shipping box which has thicker cardboard to provide protection to the item you're sending if packed right; filler material such as bubble wrap, packing paper, packing peanuts or air pillows; and packing tape, not transparent-type Scotch tape or duct tape.

"Don't reuse a box that has visible damage to it. Make sure you use filling material or packing material so it doesn't rattle around inside. Those are the two biggest issues that most people have," said Nick Fabek, center manager of a Chicago FedEx location.

A "Fragile" sticker on a box doesn't take the place of careful-

Want to mail booze, food? Do your homework

- » The U.S. Postal Service said it's OK to mail baked goods and other dry perishables as long as they're securely packed, a spokesman said. Be sure to let the person at the mailing counter know if the package contains any liquid, perishable or fragile items so they can treat the package properly, he said.
- » It is illegal to ship alcoholic beverages such as wine and beer with the postal service, the USPS spokesman said. FedEx and UPS won't accept person-to-person alcohol

» So perishable goods don't spoil en route, UPS suggested choosing a fast shipping option such as next day air.

» FedEx suggests marking the outer container as "perishable" and include on the shipping label the address and 24-hour phone number of the shipper and recipient.

Mailing deadlines

Sending gifts to loved ones across the country?

The sooner you pack them up and ship them off, the better chance it will arrive on time. The longer you wait to ship the package, the more expensive shipping options can be. Here are some key dates for packages to arrive before or by Dec. 25, according to the U.S. Postal Service and national shipping companies' websites.

Last days to ship via the U.S. Postal Service

Dec. 15 for Standard Post
Dec. 19 for First-Class Mail
Dec. 21 for Priority Mail Express

Last days to ship via FedEx

Dec. 16 for FedEx Ground and Home Delivery
Dec. 21 for FedEx Express Saver
Dec. 22 for FedEx 2 Day
Dec. 23 for FedEx First Overnight, Priority Overnight and Standard Overnight
Dec. 25 for FedEx Same Day

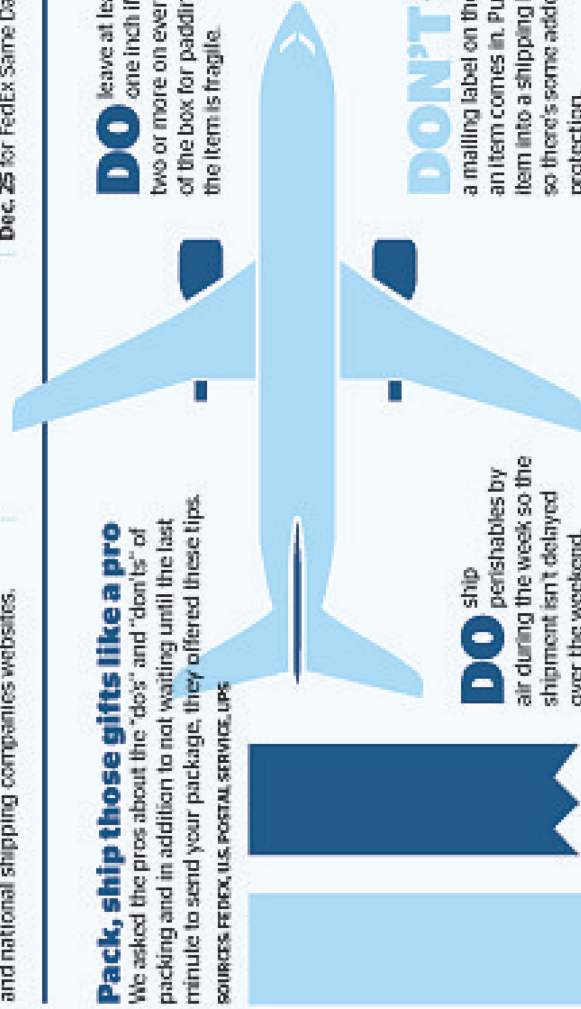
Last days to ship via UPS

Dec. 18 for UPS 3 Day Select packages
Dec. 22 for UPS 2nd Day Air packages
Dec. 23 for UPS Next Day Air packages

Pack, ship those gifts like a pro

We asked the pros about the "do's" and "don'ts" of packing and in addition to not waiting until the last minute to send your package, they offered these tips.

SOURCES: FEDEX, U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, UPS



DO leave at least one inch if not two or more on every side of the box for padding if the item is fragile.

DON'T just stick a mailing label on the box an item comes in. Put the item into a shipping box so there's some added protection.

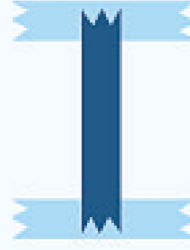
DO ship perishables by air during the week so the shipment isn't delayed over the weekend.

DON'T use Scotch-brand or other transparent tape or duct tape on boxes. They don't hold up well. Duct tape has texture and can get caught on something else and peel off in the shipping process.

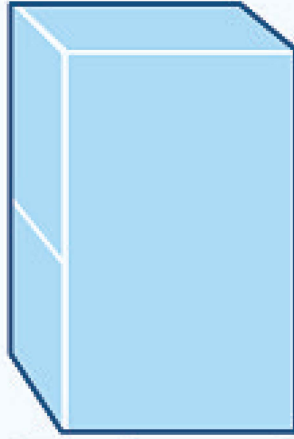
DO cover up an old label or cross out the old barcode with black marker if you are reusing a box. It will eliminate confusion.



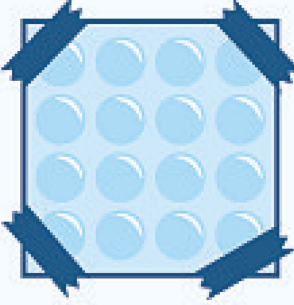
DO use the H-taping method. Tape both flaps and the seams in the shape of the letter H on top and the bottom of the box.



DO keep in mind that the larger the package, the more expensive it is to ship.



DON'T leave any empty space inside the box. If the items in the box move around when you shake it gently, it has more potential to get damaged because they are not fully secured in the box.



DO use painter's tape to affix bubble wrap to an item.



DON'T put wrapping paper on the box because it can tear and you don't want the label removed.

DO take batteries out of items before shipping so the package is not ticking, beeping or whizzing.

DON'T cram everything into the box. If it doesn't lay flat when you seal it and you have to push down to close the box, that pressure will create greater potential for the box to bust open when it bumps up against another box or item during shipment.



DO put clear tape over the label to protect it against snow or rain.

DO use cushioning material to fill in gaps so it will absorb shock and pressure in transit.

DO place an extra shipping label inside the box so the item can be returned in case the box or label gets damaged.

DON'T tie string around the box because it can unravel or get caught on another item or piece of equipment.

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Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Romance will be sweeter this week if you and your partner are social. Steer clear of arguments Saturday and Sunday. Your words will have bite, and your lover may not be prepared for their power.



Aquarius Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Don't discount the effect your partner may have on you this week. He or she may be instrumental in helping you gain traction with an important career goal by quietly helping you behind the scenes. You'll be extremely grateful for support.



Pisces Feb. 19 - March 20

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Aries March 21 - April 19

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Taurus April 20 - May 20

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Gemini May 21 - June 20

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Cancer June 21 - July 22

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Leo July 23 - Aug. 22

This will be a wonderful week to make progress with your partner on a home-related project you're working on. You'll both not only love the transformation you see, but whatever changes you make now may also increase the value of your home.



Virgo Aug. 23 - Sept. 22

Expect a mix of highs and lows this week when it comes to romance. Your best dates will be Monday and Thursday. Saturday and Sunday, however, are days to be extra cautious in communication. Resist the urge to feed into any disagreement.



Libra Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

There might be a discussion this week between you and your sweetie about making extra money connected to your home. A possibility is that you'll get a household valuable appraised or decide to sell one. Expect money to flow.



Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

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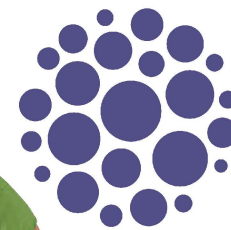
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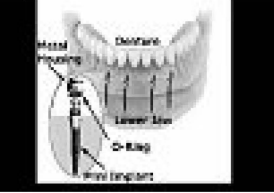
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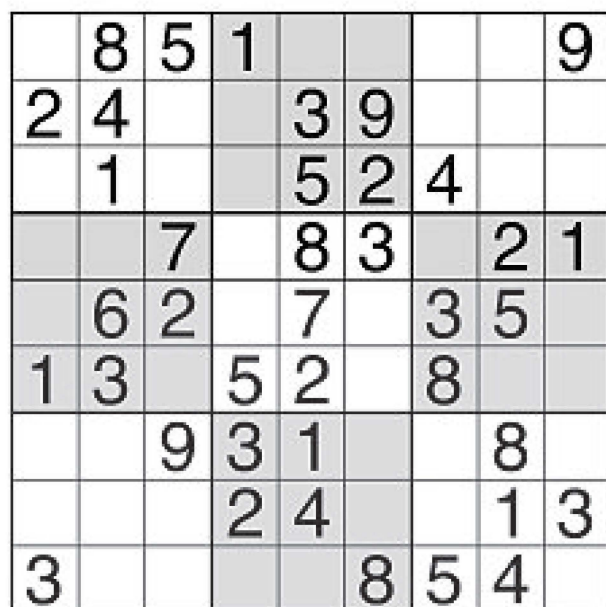
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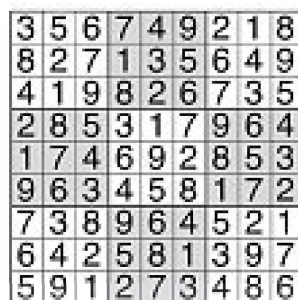
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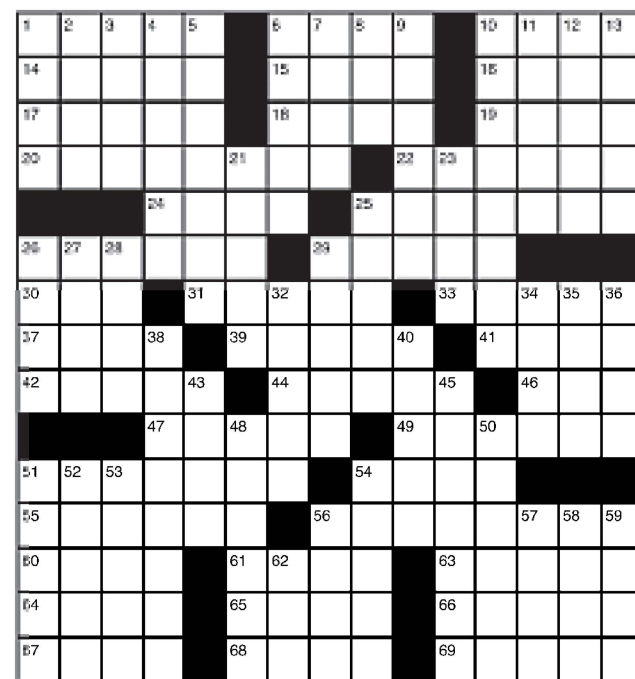


ACROSS

- 1 Speak without preparation
- 6 Fraudulent scheme
- 10 Brief haircut
- 14 Judd or Campbell
- 15 Birthplace of Desi Arnaz
- 16 Run fast
- 17 Pitfalls
- 18 Circle portions
- 19 Suffix for an inflammation
- 20 Obscene
- 22 Laundry problems
- 24 Membership payments
- 25 Study of rocks
- 26 Someone else named in a will
- 29 Neer-dowell
- 30 Abbr. in some addresses
- 31 Stopwatch user
- 33 Songs for two
- 37 Bit of bacteria
- 39 Run! to go
- 41 Carpenter's fastener
- 42 Mistake
- 44 Disc jockey's medium
- 46 FBI crime lab evidence
- 47 Peace Prize
- 49 Dusk
- 51 Handbooks
- 54 Give a party for
- 55 Wellesley graduate, e.g.
- 56 Sweet wine
- 60 Athletic shoe brand
- 61 Uttered
- 63 Make amends
- 64 Baker's need
- 65 Powdered drink
- 66 Transmits
- 67 Take a break
- 68 Wise man
- 69 Lovers' meeting

DOWN

- 1 Prefix for social or instinctive
- 2 Mead socks
- 3 Take a ___ off; sit down
- 4 Block finder
- 5 Dog ___; treat for Fido
- 6 Reads quickly
- 7 Brusque
- 8 Major TV network
- 9 Church services
- 10 Experiment; road test
- 11 Numerical comparison
- 12 Cake topping
- 13 Cluttered
- 21 Mysterious
- 23 Three ___ sloth
- 25 Punctured
- 26 Actor Nicolas
- 27 Finished; done



- 28 German mister
- 29 Allowed by law
- 32 Female horses
- 34 Actor George
- 35 Fork prong
- 36 Bench board
- 38 Washington __; obelisk in D.C.
- 40 Ascends
- 43 Reddish animal
- 45 Pariah
- 48 Explosions
- 50 Tidier
- 51 Grand home
- 52 Still breathing
- 53 Cooks in the microwave
- 54 Hot ___ sundae
- 56 Actress ___ Na Wen
- 57 Curtis or Danza
- 58 Conclusions
- 59 In case
- 62 Battery size



BRAIN CANDY

- » The brain has no pain receptors.
- » Ninjas often carried a small box of crickets—the chirping disguised any stray sound the ninjas made.
- » The scientific term for a brain freeze is sphenopalatine ganglioneuralgia.

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TAYLOR SWIFT FOREVER

Did you miss her world tour? That's cool, dudes. Swift announced Sunday that she's releasing a "1989 World Tour—Live" concert special. According to ew.com, the film includes concert footage from her Australia show, and it will exclusively stream on Apple Music Dec. 20.

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'That '70s Show' reunion?!?!'

On Friday evening, **Ashton Kutcher** (from left), **Danny Masterson** and **Wilmer Valderrama** reunited. And it looked absolutely glorious. Valderrama posted a photo of the trio on Instagram with the caption, "Three woes walk into a bar... #Family." Please tell us there will be a reunion soon. Please, please, please.



THE DIGIT
\$11M

That's how much money Ron Howard's **"In the Heart of the Sea"** made at the box office this weekend. According to variety.com, the film cost about \$100 million to produce. The film came in behind "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay—Part 2," which spent its fourth-straight weekend at No. 1.

Eva Longoria locks it down

The "Desperate Housewives" actress is a taken woman. No, not in the Liam Neeson sense, jeez, you guys. The actress announced Sunday that her and her longtime boyfriend, Jose Antonio Baston, are engaged, according to people.com. Longoria and Baston began dating in 2013. You go, girl.

OK, too much, Tay Tay

Queen of the World Taylor Swift has gone too far. That's right, we said it. According to eonline.com, reports are circulating that Swift has filed a trademark for "Swiftmas," "Blank Space," "And I'll Write Your Name," "A Girl named Girl" and "1989." The trademark details would include clothes, on-line retail, printed materials, websites and concerts. How do you get away with trademarking a year?! C'mon.

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